

of the amendment requires no further search or significant consideration by the examiner; since the examiner considers claims allowable over the prior art (Office action mailed April 29, 1996, page 5, paragraph numbered "15"), claims 67-108, which are already, of record, limit "interacts" to interaction by hybridization, intercalation, or both (either by express or implied limitation), and the language was suggested by the examiner in the interview dated March 6, 1997, as reflected in the interview summary, of record, of that interview, applicants respectfully submit that no further search or significant consideration by the examiner is necessary in order to enter the present amendment, which makes the present amendment proper after final rejection, at least, in order to reduce the issues on appeal.

Favorable action commensurate with the foregoing is requested.

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